

BRYAN LEAVES ON GREAT TRIP

Will Make Countless Speeches
From Nebraska to East-
ern Coast.

EXTENDED ADDRESS AT ST. LOUIS STOCK YARDS

Mrs. Bryan Accompanies Demo-
cratic Candidate on Private Car.
Will Conclude Campaign at
Lincoln on the Night
Before the Presi-
dential Election.

Tolstoi for Bryan.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NEW YORK, October 18.—Diver-
son W. Jennings, of Philadelphia,
an ardent admirer of Mr. Bryan,
as he is of Count Tolstoi, wrote
to Tolstoi in August, asking the
latter for his opinion on Mr. Bryan's
campaign for the presidency. The
following reply, recently received
from Tolstoi, was made public here
yesterday by Mr. Jennings:

"Dear Mr. Diverston Jennings:—In
answer to your letter of the 24th
August, I can sincerely say that I
wish Mr. Bryan success in his
campaign for the presidency. From my stand-
point, repudiating, as it does, all
corruptive government, I naturally
cannot acquiesce with the position
of president of a republic, but since
such functions still exist it is ob-
viously best that they should be
occupied by individuals worthy of
confidence."

FAIRVIEW, LINCOLN, NEB., Octo-
ber 18.—William J. Bryan's
final swing around the country,
which will carry him to the
Atlantic coast, was begun today,
when he left at 4 o'clock over the
Chicago, Burlington and Quincy
Railway for St. Louis, where early to-
morrow he will make an extended
speech previously to crossing the
Mississippi and speaking to the em-
ployees of the stock yards at East
St. Louis, Ill. The Democratic candidate
concluded his Nebraska and Colorado
trip this morning at 10:30 o'clock, and
devoted his six hours' stay at "Fair-
view" to making preparations for his
long Eastern journey, which calls for
an almost limitless number of speeches.
From East St. Louis Mr. Bryan and
party will travel in a special car for
the rest of the trip, which will conclude
at Lincoln on the night of November
2d. Accompanying the candidate are
Mrs. Bryan, Private Secretary Rose,
Major W. F. Brown, of Lincoln, and
four correspondents.

To-morrow night Mr. Bryan is
scheduled to make four addresses in
Chicago. The day will be spent in the
delivery of speeches from his car,
which will be attached to a regular
Chicago and Alton train.

KERN CONFIDENT

Says If Labor Vote Will Come Over
New York Will Go Democratic.
NEW YORK, October 18.—"Condi-
tions here are much more satisfactory
than I expected," said John W. Kern,
Democratic nominee for Vice-President,
to-day on his return from Bridgeport,
where he spoke last night. "If the
labor vote comes to us, as we expect,
we will carry New York State."
"The Democrats in New York are
confident, and in the other two States
they are hopeful."

Mr. Kern will leave early to-morrow
for Utica, where he is to speak in the
evening.

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Bryan-Kern-Lamb Club, of Richmond,
Sends \$250 to Well Fund.
CHICAGO, ILL., October 18.—The fol-
lowing contributions to the Democratic
presidential campaign received on Octo-
ber 17th were: Nathan Cole, \$355;
California-Nathan Cole, \$355;
Illinois—J. A. Donahue, \$200; Henry
F. Rainey, \$100; Roger C. Sullivan,
\$100;
Indiana—Jasper H. Sudham, \$100;
Kentucky—Mercer county contribu-
tion, \$500;
Massachusetts—Elsie Warren, \$110;
Missouri—A. R. Taylor, \$100; L. B.
Brenner, \$100;
New York—Senator William A. Clark,
\$1,000; James W. Rellly, \$100;
Pennsylvania—Samuel Rea, \$100; Mc-
Donald Bryan and Kern Club, McDon-
ald, \$200;
Texas—J. C. Bland, Waco, \$100; Ellis
County—Bryan Club, Waxahatchie,
\$112.50;
Virginia—Bryan-Kern-Lamb Club,
Richmond, \$250.

South Is Solid.
ST. JOSEPH, MO., October 18.—Will-
iam J. Bryan, during a short stay in
St. Joseph to-night on his way from
his home to St. Louis, spoke of W.
H. Taft's invasion of the South.
"The trip of Judge Taft through
the South will have no effect whatever
on the voters of that section," said Mr.
Bryan. "I do not feel the least ap-
prehensive of the South's vote."

Mack Goes to New York.
BUFFALO, N. Y., October 18.—After
a two days' rest at his home, National
Chairman Mack left to-night for New
York, where he will remain for several
days preparing for the final week of
the campaign when William J. Bryan
and prominent Democratic speakers
will concentrate their forces to swing
the Empire State into the Democratic
column. The chairman will hold a
conference of the Eastern leaders at
New York headquarters to-morrow.

HER SEVENTH WEDDING

Grace Snell Says She Will Marry No
More.

LOS ANGELES, October 18.—Miss
Grace Snell-Coffin-Coffin-Walker-Coffin-
Layman-Love is to marry Layman
again. She called up the society editor
of a morning paper and announced her
engagement. Then she went to the
theater with her former and promised
husband.

She cannot marry for several months
yet, as her divorce from Love has not
been made final, but as soon as she is
free she will try it again. She is the
champion divorcee of the United States,
and she evidently intends to set a
record that will be hard to beat.

She is the daughter of Amos J. Snell,
the Chicago millionaire, whose mysteri-
ous murder early in February, 1888,
at his beautiful home, startled the
Middle West.

Here is the record of her marriages:
Married Frank Nixon Coffin in 1884.
Divorced from Coffin, 1894.
Three years later married Coffin
again.

Divorced from Coffin for second time
in 1898.

Married James C. Walker the same
year.

Divorced from Walker in September,
1904.

Six weeks later married Coffin for
the third time.

Divorced from Coffin for third time
a month ago.

Immediately married Perkins A.
Layman.

Divorced from Layman in 1904,
twelve months later.

Married Hugh M. Love in May, 1908.
Divorced from Love in the same year.

Her second Layman marriage will be
her seventh wedding.

As pretty Grace Snell, she eloped
when sixteen years old, in 1884, with
her fiancé, Mr. Coffin. He was
a coachman, but was of good ap-
pearance. They lived together ten
years (her longest period of wedded
 bliss), and had three children.

Then she got a divorce. Four years
later she met Coffin at the bedside of
their dying boy and they were remar-
ried. In three months she got a di-
vorce in Chicago courts. She was liv-
ing at the Virginia Hotel, Chicago,
and promptly married James C.
Walker, clerk at the hotel, whom she
took on a honeymoon to Europe.

After two years she divorced him.
A month later she married Coffin
again, but left him four hours after
the ceremony, and in a month got a
divorce.

When her mother died the then Mrs.
Coffin, aged, inherited her share of an
\$800,000 estate, and came to Los An-
geles, where, while living at the Van
Noy Hotel, she met and married Per-
kins A. Layman, a boy who had been
divorced. May 31, 1908, she mar-
ried H. M. Love, a local newspaper
man, and divorced him last August.

CUPID'S BUSY DAY

Three Weddings and One Wedding An-
niversary in One Family.

TRANTON, October 18.—There was
record-breaking matrimonial activity
in the family of Mrs. Adam Schuck, of
this city yesterday, when three hone-
y-moon weddings and one wedding anniv-
ersary were celebrated within twelve
hours. Two sons and a daughter of
Mrs. Schuck entered upon matrimonial
alliances, and another daughter cele-
brated the tenth anniversary of her
marriage.

There was something doing in the
Schuck family all day. The elder Mrs.
Schuck did not take part in any of the
festivities, being unable to come from
her home in Germany. Jacob Schuck
and Miss Rose Bruen were married
yesterday morning in the Church of
the Immaculate Conception. Yesterday
evening the elder Mrs. Schuck and
Frederick Fechter, of Philadelphia, were
married in the same church, and a lit-
tle later George Schuck and Miss
Frances Dempsey were united in mar-
riage at St. Francis Church. Yesterday
evening the bride and bride-
grooms met at the home of Mrs. John
Unsinger, on Kent Street, and joined
in the celebration of Mrs. Unsinger's
tenth anniversary. Mrs. Unsinger was
Miss Schuck.

DIVORCEE LOSES SON

Tom Pierce Objects to Former Wife's
Theatrical Associations.

BOSTON, October 18.—Tom Pierce
has taken his young son away from
his mother, Mrs. Pierce. Objecting to his
wife's association with theatrical folk
and his influence on their four-year-
old son is the reason assigned by him.
Mrs. Pierce, who is well known in
huntington, has been divorced for
nearly two years ago. According to
friends, Mrs. Pierce agreed she should
lose all claim upon her son if she con-
fined her friends to theatrical circles.
The attractive young horsewoman
a few months ago cut out her associ-
ation with the hunting club set, to
which her husband had no objection,
and all summer she has been a com-
panion of Miss Adele Ritchie and other
theatrical people at Mrs. Ritchie's
home in Mamoroneck and at Atlantic
City.

King Alfonso Congratulates Author of
Daring French Drama.
PARIS, October 18.—King Alfonso
and Queen Victoria left here to-day
for Madrid. An incident which oc-
curred last evening at the production
of Paul Bourget's new drama, which is
based on the separation of the church
and state, is attracting considerable at-
tention. At the end of the third act
King Alfonso summoned the author
to the royal box and congratulated him.

Then ensued an animated discussion
on the part of the king, which repre-
sents an officer's struggle between duty
and conscience, when ordered to force
the doors of a church during the in-
ventories in France, the officer eventu-
ally refusing to obey.

King Alfonso said: "Although I am
a Catholic, I think I should have
obeyed."

New Cholera Cases in Manila.
MANILA, October 18.—Twelve new
cases of cholera and five suspects have
been discovered within the last forty-
eight hours, the average number of
cases reported is still running about
five daily, the affected area being con-
fined to two districts of the city. No
American has been stricken for the
past fortnight.

General conditions in the city are
regarded as being greatly improved.

Cholera Decreasing.
ST. PETERSBURG, October 18.—The
cholera still continues to decrease,
there being only forty-four new cases
reported to-day, and twenty-four
deaths.

VOYAGE OF PEACE, DECLARES SPERRY

In Speech Admiral Alludes
to Traditional Friendship
of the Two Countries.

JAPANESE GIVE SAILORS A ROYAL RECEPTION

Streets Brilliantly Illuminated,
and Great Procession of Lan-
terns—Ball Given by Gov-
ernor of Kanagawa, and a
Score of Dinners in
Honor of Officers.

YOKOHAMA, October 18.—Storm-
battered, but magnificent, the
American battleship fleet lies
in the harbor, the entire as-
semblage making a display
unprecedented in the history of Yokohama.
Shortly after the ships came
to anchor the mist, which had shut
out their coming, cleared and a light
breeze carried away the smoke from
the saluting guns, revealing from the
shore from the lines of white and
black ships-of-war, backed by the gray
of the Japanese.

Scores of small craft, chartered by
individuals and associations, darted in
and out among the battleships, the
American Asiatic Association being
among those to give the warmest
welcome. Two thousand school chil-
dren sang the American national an-
them, the sound of the singing reach-
ing far over the water.

The ships show the effect of the tre-
mendous battering by the waves,
which is described by old officers as
the worst they have ever encountered.
The Kearsarge, which got separated
from the fleet, only picked up the others
this morning, and is still under-
going repairs. Rear Admiral Sperry
said immediately after anchoring that
he was glad to arrive in Japan, and
that he greatly appreciated the wel-
comes of a sincere welcome, the ar-
rangements for which appeared to be
perfect.

Visits of Ceremony.

The moment the fleet dropped an-
chor, the admirals, in formal dress,
hastened to the ships of the
various divisions to the anchor-
age, the Connecticut, which also
was boarded by Japanese subordinate
officers, who came to arrange details.
The Japanese admiral, accom-
panied by his staff, entered a motor
boat and proceeded to the flagship
Mikasa, of the Japanese fleet, to pay
official call upon Vice-Admiral Sir
Gero Ijima. The Japanese admiral im-
mediately returned the call. Vice-
Admiral Ijima, resplendent with gold
lace and magnificent decorations, was
given a hearty welcome by Admiral
Sperry, board the Connecticut. After
a brief visit the Japanese departed.
As they went down the side the Jap-
anese flag was broken out at the
mainmast and the guns belated forth
a salute.

Later, Francis B. Loomis, formerly
of the First Assistant Secretary of State,
and now the United States commis-
sioner to the Tokyo exposition, accom-
panied by Mrs. Loomis, John C.
Laughlin and Mrs. O'Laughlin, and
Acting Consul-General H. H. Abbott, called
upon Rear-Admiral Sperry, and
their respects. They were given five-
teen guns as they left the ship. In
the meantime visits were exchanged
between the captains of all the ves-
sels. The Mayor and Governor also
called upon Admiral Sperry.

Honor to Americans.

A grand party given by the Mayor
of Yokohama was attended by many
officers and great crowds of civilians.
Everywhere the Japanese treated
American officers and men as treat-
ed with the greatest courtesy, being sal-
uted always by the police and Jap-
anese soldiers.

Crowds continued to swarm the
streets about the water front all day,
and at night magnificent illumina-
tions lit up the entire city. Electric
lights and lanterns were swinging
everywhere, and at a prominent point
a huge design, in which the word
"Welcome" was spelled with hun-
dreds of lanterns, was surrounded by
hundreds of American and Japanese flags.
The lantern parade, in which there were
special floats, made an inspiring
display of the Japanese in quaint
costumes and bright colors took part.

Voyage of Peace.

All of the Japanese ships were out-
fitted to-night in electric lights, and
each carried an American flag at its
mast.

Several dinners were given this
evening in honor of the American offi-
cers, at one of which the Mayor was
the host and Admiral Sperry the chief
guest of honor. This was followed by
a grand ball given by Governor Suifu,
of Kanagawa, at which 1,600 people
were present.

During the course of his speech at
the dinner Admiral Sperry said that
the object of the cruise was the de-
velopment of the fleet for peaceful
purposes. He believed that nothing
was ever likely to occur to break the
traditional friendship of America and
Japan. It is understood that Captain
W. B. Potter, of the Vermont, will take
command of the second division at
Hongkong.

Sperry in Tokio.

TOKIO, October 18.—Rear-Admiral
Sperry, commander-in-chief of the At-
lantic battleship fleet, accompanied by
the squadron commanders and the cap-
tains of the various ships, arrived in
Tokio at 10 o'clock this morning, com-
ing by special train from Yokohama.

The party was received with un-
bounded enthusiasm by great crowds
that thronged about the station when
the train arrived. The weather was
clear and beautiful.

Battleships Separate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 18.—
The Navy Department received a wire-
less message from the commander of
the battleship Maine to-day, stating
that the Alabama and Maine parted
company in midocean on the 14th. Ac-
cording to the department's advices
the Alabama is expected to arrive in
New York on the 21st, while the Maine
will arrive on the 22nd.

ABRUZZI MAY WED

King of Italy Consents to His Marriage
With Miss Elkins.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ROME, October 18.—The Giornale
d'Italia declares that the King has
formally consented to the marriage of
the Duke of the Abruzzi and Miss Cath-
arine Elkins. The paper says that Miss
Elkins is now practically an Italian
princess, as it has been decided that
she shall enjoy royal rank and privi-
leges before the wedding.

It came to the knowledge of the Giornale
that the King had consented to the mar-
riage. Hence an official denial is not expected,
and the marriage is regarded as cer-
tainly initiated. The Italian court has already
initiated the formalities of the mar-
riage. The duke will shortly go to
Havre or Cherbourg, whence he will
sail for America.

BOY FORCED TO MARRIAGE

Father Compelled Him to Wed Widow
With His Children.

WILKENS, RICE, Tex., October 18.—
William Loss, a seventeen-year-old
boy, told a startling story in court
yesterday. He was arraigned charged
with desertion and non-support. When
it came to hearing the evidence, Judge
Ferris was surprised to find that the
witness testified that his father coerced
him into marrying the latter's step-
sister, who was forty years of age,
and the mother of eight children, six
of whom were living.

Young Loss said he was intoxicated
when the ceremony was performed,
and as soon as he became sober he
refused to live with the woman. Judge
Ferris discharged the defendant, and
ordered the district attorney to in-
vestigate the matter with a view of hav-
ing the marriage annulled.

\$200,000 FIRE.
ANMARILL, TEX., October 18.—
Fire to-day destroyed the Santa Fe
roundhouse and shops, entailing a loss
of \$200,000. Twelve locomotives, several
cars loaded with coal, a large number
of coal chutes, the pumping station, oil
tanks and a great quantity of supplies.

NEWS FORECAST FOR WEEK

Putting forth their greatest ef-
forts in the States that variously
are called doubtful and pivotal, now
that the political campaign is in its
last week but one, the various
party managers unfold a multi-
plicity of plans for the week that
are well calculated to keep politics
in the center of the public mind.

For Taft, as well as for Bryan,
the activity is to be well-nigh ceas-
less, as for Sherman and for Kern,
and so on down the line.

Coming up from his invasion of
the South, the Republican candi-
date for the presidency will speak
in New Jersey in the fore part of
the week, and then return to his
own State of Ohio for a day, there-
upon making another flight into
Indiana, the cities of importance to
be visited in the Hoosier State being
Evansville, Indianapolis and
Fort Wayne.

Bryan will have traveled in five
States before the week ends—Indi-
ana, Kentucky, Ohio, West Vir-
ginia and New Jersey—finishing in
New York, where he will spend the
Sunday in rest.

His itinerary in Ohio was arranged
by the speaker of the Ohio legisla-
ture, enabling him to reach with par-
ticularly the same people who heard
Mr. Taft in his last tour there.

Mr. Sherman, the Republican candi-
date for the vice-presidency, will
speak in Wilmington, Del., on Mon-
day and in Philadelphia Tuesday,
and develop his views on the course
of the week to meetings in New York
State.

Mr. Kern, the Democratic candi-
date for the vice-presidency, will
speak several more days in New
York State. He expects to speak
in Ohio on Thursday.

Governor Hughes, of New York,
who is competing for re-election,
and Lieutenant-Governor Lewis
Stuyvesant Chanler, his Democratic
opponent, will continue their speech-
making tours of the State.

Treasurer Rider, of the Demo-
cratic National Committee, will make
public appearances at an additional
list of subscriptions to the funds
for the party's campaign expenses.

The Carnegie Hall meeting in
New York City on Tuesday, at
which former members of Clevel-
and Cabinets, including Rich and
Olney, of Boston, and Judson Har-
mon, of Ohio, are to speak, and
the mass-meeting, also in New York
City, on Thursday night of South-
ern Democrats, which is to be ad-
dressed by Governor Swanson, of
Virginia, are other Democratic fix-
tures of the week of national im-
portance. The week will be rich
in speeches by members of Mr.
Roosevelt's Cabinet. Secretary of
War Wright will be heard in New
York City and other places, and
Secretary of Commerce and Labor
Strauss will spend the entire week
on the stump, visiting Cleveland,
Chicago, St. Louis and Louisville.

The political situation in the Bul-
kans will continue to occupy a
prominent place in the world's news,
while the Orient a week of ex-
trordinary events will be the con-
cern of the Atlantic battleship fleet,
who are visiting Japan on their
world-around cruise.

The German Reichstag will as-
semble Wednesday in Berlin.

Conventions scheduled for the
week include the International Bible
Convention, at London, O., the
twenty-sixth annual World Bank
Conference of Friends of the Indian
and Other Dependent Peoples, and the
National Woman's Suffrage Con-
vention, in Buffalo, N. Y.

A public funeral of the late
Bishop Henry C. Potter will be held
in Grace Church, New York City,
on Tuesday morning.

The classic automobile race of
the year will occur on Saturday,
when a number of daring drivers
will compete for the Vanderbilt cup
over the twenty-five mile course
on Long Island.

The Woman's National Champion-
ship Golf Tournament begins on the
links of the Chevy Chase Club, near
Washington, on Monday.

WEATHER.

Fair

PRESIDENT "IS NOT A PESSIMIST"

Judge Taft in This Manner
Describes His Conference
With Roosevelt.

GREATLY PLEASED WITH SOUTHERN TRIP

Spends Day at White House,
Which Is Turned Over to Him,
and Discusses Campaign
With Party Leaders.
Attends Divine
Service.

WASHINGTON, October 18.—I
expect to be elected to the
presidency," said Judge
Taft, standing in the East
Room of the White House
this evening, facing thirty or forty
newspaper men, who had congregated
to meet him after he had spent the
day as President Roosevelt's guest.
The answer was in response to a ques-
tion after a brief discussion of Mr.
Taft's recent tour through the South-
ern States, of which he had spoken
as a pleasing experience. With refer-
ence to that tour he would only say
that he thought it would open the way
for improved representative condition
in future campaigns.

Judge Taft expressed a delicacy in
revealing the topics which he and the
President had discussed, and when
pressed for a statement as to the Presi-
dent's view of the situation he would
only say that, "The President is not
a pessimist."

"Nor, am I," he added.

Spent Day Together.
While not especially arranged for
that purpose, the secretary found in
his stop here a convenient opportu-
nity for discussion with the President,
and they spent practically the entire
day in the company of each other. It
is known that they discussed, although
in a purely informal way, most of the
subjects that have come to the front
since the campaign opened, and that the
President offered some suggestions of
minor points, which the secretary prob-
ably will adopt.

It was the evident intention of the
President to take advantage of the oc-
casion to emphasize to the country his
interest in personal and political in-
terests. Taft, not only was the secre-
tary, but he was taken into the White
House as if it were his own home, and
in addition Mr. Roosevelt remained
away from his own church in order to
accompany Mr. Taft to his church.

He also took him for a stroll after
the services, and then crowned the day
by asking a number of political and
personal friends to go over the situa-
tion.

Mr. Taft's special train arrived at
the Union Station early to-day from
Richmond. At 8 o'clock he rose, dressed,
had his breakfast, and took an
automobile alone to the White
House.

At 9 o'clock he breakfasted with the
President and his household.

Attended Church Service.
For about two hours after break-
fast Mr. Taft and the President con-
ferred. They carefully discussed cam-
paign matters.

The President and Judge Taft at-
tended divine services at All Souls'
Unitarian Church. Arriving on foot
five minutes in advance of the opening
of the services, they passed quietly
through the crowd, which had congreg-
ated on the outside, and took seats
together in the edifice. The sermon
was preached by Dr. U. S. Pierce,
the pastor of the church.

Mr. Pierce took for his text the third
and fourth verses of John xiii., and
he sought throughout his discourse to
show that Jesus' mission to exalt
himself, however menial and com-
mon place.

At the close of the service the con-
gregation remained until the Presi-
dent and the secretary passed out.
They immediately started on a brisk
stroll back to the White House.

President Roosevelt had invited to
take luncheon with Mr. Taft a number
of former members of the Cabinet,
among them Senator Philander C.
Knox, formerly Attorney-General, and
Justice Brandeis, and Secretary of
War Taft, and Secretary of the Navy,
Mr. Elihu Root also was present.

During the afternoon a number of
callers visited Mr. Taft after the lunch-
eon guests had departed.

Master of White House.
About 8 o'clock the President and
Mrs. Roosevelt took leave of their dis-
tinct guests and went for a horse-
back ride, leaving Mr. Taft in full pos-
session of the White House for the
afternoon.

At 5:30 o'clock, by appointment, Mr.
Taft met the newspaper correspondents
in the East Room.

"Boys," he said, "I haven't much
to tell you. You see I am here. I have
had two meals in the White House,
and I expect to have another."

"Is that all?" some one asked.

"That is all," he replied. "The answer
quoted, and from this time on there
was quite a free discussion. Mr. Taft
declined to go into details concerning
his interview with the President. "Our
talk has dealt largely with reminis-
cences, but we have discussed the cam-
paign to some extent. We have not
discussed the future Cabinets so much
as past Cabinets."

He spoke of his voice, and said that
notwithstanding it had not been as
good as he would like, still it had
served all his needs.

Speaking of his Southern tour, Mr.
Taft remarked that he was greatly
pleased with the reception he received
in all cities in the South which he
visited.

At dinner Secretary Garfield was a
guest of the President. During the
evening some callers were received
at the White House and talked with
Mr. Taft. Late to-night Mr. Taft board-
ed the special train, which left shortly
after midnight for Newark, N. J.

The candidate will arrive there at
1 o'clock to-morrow morning.

26 BURNED TO DEATH

Hundreds of Men and Women Home-
less and At the Mercy of the Weather.

ALPENA, MICH., October 18.—Re-
ports to-night from the flames-swept
counties in this section of the State
indicate improvement in the fire situa-
tion. But the necessity for immediate
relief for the homeless and suffering
is hourly becoming greater. The winds
lessened materially to-day, which
greatly aided the efforts of the fire
fighters, but the temperature began to
drop, and the weather, which was
calm, will cause great suffering
among the homeless, burned-out refu-
gees. Camped in the open fields, or
huddled together in the few buildings
and shacks left in the fire, the com-
munities which have been swept by the
fires are hundreds of men, women and
children who are in abject need of
the absolute necessities of life.

But one fresh report of loss of life
came into Alpena to-day. Henry
Hines, his wife and two children are
said to have been cremated on their
farm near Cathro.

Between Metz and Rogers City
several more bodies have been found,
making a total of twenty-six lives
that are known to have been lost in
Presque Isle and Alpena counties since
Thursday night.

Rogers City last night reported in
imminent danger, has been saved. South
Rogers, which was reported destroyed,
is also safe. The village of Posen has
been in grave danger, but its chances
to escape destruction are thought to-
night to be better. Alpena is still
surrounded by fires, but is not in dan-
ger unless the wind should shift to
the north. From 500 to 1,000 men are
constantly on the fire lines fighting
the flames back and working to pro-
tect the city.

A public meeting was held here this
afternoon in a hall, and a general
relief committee of twenty-five
members was formed to take charge
of relief measures. The Detroit Macki-
nac Railroad has practically turned
over its system to the relief of the
fire sufferers.

FOREST FIRES CHECKED

No Fear of Further Loss of Life.
Prompt Action Taken to Help Sufferers.

DETROIT, MICH., October 18.—Re-
ports from the forest fire district of
Western Michigan were fragmentary
to-day, but there were indications of
improvement in the general situation
as far as imminent danger of life and
property was concerned. The condition
of the victims who survived the de-
struction of their homes and villages
is pitiful in the extreme, with the
likelihood of greater distress and many
deaths from exposure in the event of
a sudden drop of temperature falling
upon the half-dressed refugees camped
in box-cars and open fields.

Governor Fred. M. Warner to-day is-
sued an appeal to the people of Michi-
gan for contributions, and Mayor Wil-
liam B. Thompson, of Detroit, has called
a special meeting of the Common
Council for to-day morning to con-
sider the matter of contributing relief.

Effective measures already have been
taken to relieve the suffering of the
victims, and dozens of carloads of pro-
visions, clothing, blankets and other
necessaries have been shipped to the
burned districts.

Quartermaster-General W. G. Rogers,
of the State troops, who was sent into
the district to investigate conditions,
telegraphed Governor Warner that
there was no need of troops, and that
the fire situation was improved tempo-
rarily at least. The immediate need
is for bedding and food for the refugees
and fodder for horses and cattle.

Governor Warner has already direct-
ed the sending of two train loads of
blankets into the burned districts, and
all the blankets on hand in the ar-
mory of the State troops at Alpena
have been forwarded there.

SHOT AT PRIEST

Unknown Man Attempts to Murder
Father Fielding and Escapes.

CHICAGO, ILL., October 18.—An at-
tempt to assassinate Rev. J. K. Field-
ing, pastor of the Corpus Christi Roman
Catholic Church, was made this
afternoon. After two children and the
priest in the Sunday school hallway of
the church, the assassin, knocking
down several children that stood in his
way ran into the street and escaped.

The priest was not hurt. The shoot-
ing and the screams of the children
created wild excitement in one of Chi-
cago's fashionable residence quarters.

The culprit first attracted attention
by loitering about the church and
writing on a sheet of paper, which he
held against the building. Made curious
by the man's peculiar actions, Father
Fielding asked him, "What are you
doing here?"

"I'm praying," replied the stranger.

As a priest turned to go back to the
stranger drew a revolver and pressed
it against his intended victim.

Father Fielding immediately knocked
the weapon away just in time to escape
a bullet, which grazed his head and
clipped a lock of hair from his head.

The priest then knocked the culprit
down. Hurriedly scrambling to his feet
the man continued down the hallway,
pushing and trampling over many chil-
dren. At the bottom of the hallway
he turned and fired another ineffectual
shot at the priest, and then still brand-
ishing the revolver, ran down the
street. Children and citizens, accom-
panied by Father Fielding, pursued
the man, but he escaped.

The man is described as being either
Greek or Italian. Corpus Christi Church
is at Forty-ninth Street and Grand
Boulevard, and includes in its mem-
bership some of the wealthiest Roman
Catholics in the city.

THAW DISAPPOINTED

Counted on Leaving Asylum Yesterday
for Pittsburg.

FISHKILL, LANDING, N. Y., October
18.—Although there has been some ex-
pectation here that Harry K. Thaw
would be taken from the Maclean Asy-
lum for the Criminal Insane to-day
and started on his way to Pittsburg to
appear in bankruptcy proceedings, the
man has not been released. Thaw has
made in the case. Thaw himself fully
counted upon leaving.